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R 092215Z MAY 74

FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5426

INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

AMCONSUL BELIZE

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E.O. 11652 NA

TAGS: ETEL, XK, ES

SUBJ: TRANSCARIBBEAN CABLE

REF: A. SAN JOSE A-54, 24 APR 74, B. SAN SALVADOR 1757, C. STATE

093601, D. SAN JOSE 1762.

1. GOES SOURCE CONFIRMS SAN JOSE REPORT (REF A.) THAT PROPOSAL FOR CABLE WAS DISCUSSED BY REPS OF ALL FIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATORS WITH ATT AT MEETING IN SAN JOSE IN EARLY APRIL. ATT IS PREPARED TO SPLIT COSTS AND OPERATIONS WITH CA ENTITY. ATT WILL PAY HALF OF CABLE AND US CABLE HEAD FACILITIES WHICH IT HOPES WILL BE EITHER AT KEY WEST OR MIAMI. CA WOULD PAY REMAINDER, INCLUDING CA CABLE HEAD FACILITIES PLUS SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FROM CABLE HEAD. CA WOULD ALSO SHARE OPERATING COSTS, PROBABLY THROUGH OPERATING CONTRACT WITH ATT.

2. MAIN PROBLEMS APPEAR TO CONCERN HOW CA GOVTS WILL DIVIDE COSTS, MANAGE SUBSEQUENT SERVICES AND DETERMINE LOCATION OF CABLE HEAD HERE. CA GOVTS ARE CONSIDERING ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRIVATE, JOINTLY OWNED COMPANY TO HANDLE PROJECT WITH  
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SHARES DETERMINED BY EACH COUNTRY'S PERCENTAGE OF

ACTUAL AND PROJECTED DEMAND. IN MILLIONS OF TWO WAY MINUTE,  
ESTIMATES DONE BY ICE OF COSTA RICA ARE:

|              | 1973 | 1982 |
|--------------|------|------|
| COSTA RICA   | 47   | 382  |
| GUATEMALA 24 |      | 261  |
| EL SALVADOR  | 12   | 181  |
| HONDURAS     | 12   | 129  |
| NICARAGUA    | 16   | 128  |

3. GOES ESTIMATES DESIGN WILL BE FINISHED IN 1975 WITH INSTALLATION  
BEGINNING 1978. GOES WOULD PREFER A DISPORPORTIONATE VOICE IN  
ENTERPRISE AS WOULD, PRESUMABLY, EVERYONE ELSE, AT LEAST SUFFICIENT  
TO ALLOW THEM TO OVERRULE PROPOSED HONDURAN CABLE HEAD WHICH IS  
SITE SUPPORTED BY COSTA RICA. GOES AND GOG SUPPORT PUERTO  
BARRIOS AREA. GON REPORTEDLY IS, THUS FAR, UNCOMMITTED.

4. ACCORDING GOES SOURCE, THREE CABLE SIZES ARE FEASIBLE AND  
UNDER CONSIDERATION. IF CABLE IS FOR 640 CIRCUITS, CURRENT  
COST ESTIMATE IS \$20M., IF 840 ESTIMATE IS \$\$30M. AND IF 1,840,  
\$36M.

5. ATT AND CA REPRESENTATIVES ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET IN US IN  
JUNE OR JULY. ORIGINAL SITE WAS NEW YORK CITY BUT NEW SITE IS  
BEING CONSIDERED.  
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